

Memorandum

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To: Robert Lee, Chairman of M.A.G. Building Codes Committee

From: Cheryl Levandowski, Chairperson of M.A.G/RPR. Building Inspector/Plans Examiner Forum

Subject: Recommendation to the M.A.G. Building Codes Committee for the uniform requirement of Pad Certifications per IRC R401.2

The Building Inspector/Plans Examiner Forum puts forth the recommendation to the MAG Building Codes Committee to consider this as a written interpretation of the specified code section.

Whereas, the requirements of the 2003 IRC Section R401.2, states "Fill soils that support footings and foundations shall be designed, installed and tested in accordance with accepted engineering practice."

Upon completion of the soils investigation the testing agency may include an expiration date for pad certifications.

Analysis of discussion and recommendation

Based on facts presented by several jurisdictions, we feel the perspective jurisdiction is unable to verify if the original pad certification is still current. It is the consensus of the BI/PE forum to require each builder to provide a current pad certification for all single family lots, in tract subdivisions, at the time of the footing inspection.